

Listing of the Claims:

The listing of claims below, wherein underlining indicates additions and strikethrough indicates deletions, will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method of providing a virtual common reading feature for two or more networked hard disk recorders, said method comprising the steps of:

within a first hard disk recorder:

receiving a request to view content on the first hard disk recorder;

determining whether the requested content resides in an encrypted form on the first hard disk recorder, wherein the encrypted form comprises encryption via a local encryption scheme;

if the requested content does not reside on the first hard disk recorder,
determining ~~if~~ whether the requested content resides in the encrypted form on a second hard disk recorder ~~when the requested content does not reside on the first hard disk recorder;~~

decrypting the requested content via ~~[[a]]~~ the local encryption scheme; and

displaying the requested content on a display device coupled to the first hard disk recorder.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein displaying the requested content on a display device coupled to the first hard disk recorder comprises storing the

requested content within a memory located within the first hard disk recorder.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein displaying the requested content on a display device coupled to the first hard disk recorder comprises remotely accessing the requested content on the first hard disk recorder.

4-9. (Cancelled)

10. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
receiving the requested content on the first hard disk recorder from a content source;

decrypting the requested content utilizing a decryption key received from the content source;

re-encrypting the requested content utilizing the local encryption scheme; and
storing the re-encrypted requested content in a shared memory.

11. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein storing the content in a shared memory comprises storing the content in a shared memory located within the first hard disk recorder.

12. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein storing the content in a shared memory comprises storing the content in a shared memory located within the second hard

disk recorder.